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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached listing. This Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) supplements the IDSs filed on July 31, 2001, February 13, 2002, October 29, 2003, and June 1, 2004. To the undersigned's knowledge, this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits in the above-referenced application.

Each document listed in this IDS was cited in a Final Notice of Rejection ("Notice") from the Japanese Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application, and this IDS is being filed within three months of the mailing date of that communication.

Copies of the listed foreign patent documents are attached along with English language Abstracts. In lieu of a statement of relevance or translation of the non-English

documents, an English language version of the Notice is enclosed. A copy of the Notice in Japanese is also attached for the Examiner's convenience. Applicant does not necessarily endorse the conclusions set forth in the Notice.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached listing.

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Applicant further reserves the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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		Country Code ³ Number ⁴ Kind Code ⁵ (if known)				
		JP 11-308664	11-05-1999	Yakota YUICHI		Abstract
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